

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 636

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Billy Don Giddens of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Billy Don Giddens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Mt. Vernon, Texas, Bill Giddens graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and received his bachelor's degree from East Texas State University; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens worked with NASA as an Aerospace Technician and then with Xerox Computer Systems before moving to Middle Tennessee in 1973; he then became the first Director of Budget and Purchasing with the Williamson County Government; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving his community, Bill Giddens was a member of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club, which recognized him as a Paul Harris Fellow; he was also elected to serve on the Middle Tennessee Electric Board; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, he was an active member of Franklin First United Methodist Church and a member of NOMADS, a mission active in divine service providing labor for United Methodist organizations; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of fifty-nine years, Joanne Giddens; his sons, William Donald "Don" (Diane) Giddens, Robert Edward (Viki) Giddens, and

Alan Daniel Giddens; his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Reynolds; his grandchildren, Kelsey Evelyn Giddens, Heather Ashford Giddens, Lauren Ashton Reynolds, and Janna Rae Giddens; and

WHEREAS, Bill Giddens was preceded in death by his parents, Reuben and Lillie Weatherford Giddens, and his brothers, Robert Giddens and Milton Giddens; and

WHEREAS, Bill Giddens leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Billy Don Giddens, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Giddens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.